

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Armin Reimann, *et al.*
Application Serial No.: 10/532,401
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Examiner: NELSON, Michael B.
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For: **TWO-STEP MIXING PROCESS FOR PRODUCING
AN ABSORBENT POLYMER**

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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action/Restriction Requirement dated March 11, 2008, Applicants hereby elect Group I consisting of Claims 1-13, 17, 21, and 22, without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in connection with the above-identified application. In addition, pursuant to Paragraph 4, as to election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species for polymer in claims 1-13, 17, 21, and 22 to be a sodium acrylate polymer. This election of species is made without traverse.

Please withdraw the remaining non-elected claims of Group II (claims 14-15), Group III (claims 16 and 18), Group IV (claim 19), and Group V (claim 20) from consideration at this time without prejudice to Applicants' right to file divisional applications thereon.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if any questions arise.

If any fees for this response are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 502190.

Respectfully submitted,

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